CAPT. PALMER WORKS HIS OWN DESTRUCTION

Commits Suicide at the Presidio.

MORBIDLY CONSCIENTIOUS

LOST HIS MIND BROODING OVER MILITARY DETAILS.

The Unfortunate Officer Was in Command of the Alger Battery, Wyoming Volunteer Light Artillery.

Captain Granville R. Palmer, commanding Battery A, Wyoming Volunteer Light Artillery, better known as the "Alger" Battery, committed suicide at the Presidio on Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock by shooting himself in the mouth with an army revolver. The horrible deed was committed in Captain Palmer's quarters, which were in one of the officers' buildings facing on the post parade and next to the Presidio Club.

When the Alger Battery left on the Newport, Captain Palmer was ordered to the Presidio for temporary quarters pending the return to the report made on him by the board of officers. This board had been ordered to examine the officer in order to ascertain his fitness to command, and its report had been sent to Washington. There is no doubt that this fact preyed on Captain Palmer's mind and hastened the awful tragedy.

When he went to the Presidio he was given quarters with First Lieutenant Lockwood, Fourth Cavalry. His room was in the rear of and across the hall from the one occupied by Lieutenant Lockwood. On Friday Captain Palmer did not leave his room but remained in bed. Nothing was thought of this as he was known to be mentally unbalanced and in ill-health. About 6 o'clock in the afternoon Lieutenant Lockwood went to his room and knocked on the door. Receiving no answer he entered the room, where he found Captain Palmer's body lying across his bed. In his right hand he held the revolver, while the blood on the floor and bed told of the awful means he had sought to end his trouble. Lieutenant Lockwood at once reported the matter to Colonel Wagner, commanding the post, and the body of the officer was removed to the Morgue of the post hospital.

There is no doubt but that Captain Palmer was insane, and that he wrought his own destruction, although to all appearances he was sane on nearly all subjects. Captain Palmer arrived here with his battery from Cheyenne on June 28, and went into camp at Camp Merritt. From the first he seemed utterly unable to master the detail work attendant on the command of the battery, and this began to prey on his mind until it was apparent that he was mentally unbalanced. He was given a sick leave by General Miller and went into the mountains in hopes of recuperating his health. When he returned he showed no benefit from his trip, and finally a board was ordered to pass on him.

This seemed to have a very depressing effect on Captain Palmer. One of the delusions under which he seemed to labor was the fact that he was indebted to the Government for many thousand dollars of supplies and only a few days ago he asked Lieutenant Lockwood if he would be brought to trial, and if he was, if he would be sent to Manila or tried here. While the captain was known to be mentally unbalanced no attention was paid to this remark, as it was thought that his ailment was only temporary and that as soon as he was out of the army he would recover.

On another occasion Captain Palmer said to Lieutenant Lockwood that he would not have any use for his "plunder" in a short while, referring to his camp outfit. Not long ago the unfortunate officer called on General Merriam and told him that he could not master the detail of his work, and the department commander informed him that if such was the case it was better for him to resign than to make himself ill by fretting over the matter.

Captain Palmer was last seen alive on Thursday night, when he went to dinner at the officers' mess in the Presidio Club. As has been stated he did not get up on Friday, but remained in his room. When he was found by Lieutenant Lockwood Major Moseley, the post surgeon, was summoned and he declared that the officer had been dead about two hours, so he must have committed the deed about 4 o'clock. When found Captain Palmer had on only his underclothes. On a table beside his bed was a copy of the army drill for light artillery. The book was open, showing that the unforutnate man, in his last moments of life, was endeavoring to master the details of the complicated art of war to which he had sacrificed his mind and life.

Captain Palmer was about 35 years of age. He leaves a widow and two children, who live in Cheyenne, which was the home of the officer. They were at once notified of his death. Yesterday the body was taken in charge by undertakers, who will embalm it and forward it to his family in Cheyenne.

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FIRST NEW YORK REGIMENT RECALLED

THE First Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry, now doing duty at Honolulu, has been ordered home by the War Department. Major General Merriam, commander of this department, yesterday received a dispatch from the War Department instructing him to recall the First New York Regiment immediately. The first detachment of the Empire State boys will arrive here on December 6 and will be furnished transportation to New York at once. The remainder of the regiment will arrive on the 12th and will also proceed to their native State without delay. This sudden and most unexpected recall of the New York Regiment from Honolulu is the result of the recommendation made to the War Department for the same by General Merriam on Friday.

The last report received here by the department commander from Brigadier General King showed that the regiment was badly off from a sanitary point of view, as many of the men were ill with fever, and the dread disease seemed to be on the increase. General Merriam, when seen yesterday afternoon by a Call representative, said:

"The recall of the New York Regiment is a compliance on the part of the War Department with a recommendation made by me. When the regiment went to Honolulu we were careful in selecting the site for a camp, but it appears that the malarious influences are greater than were expected and cannot be successfully combated. The number of daily increasing fever cases has caused much alarm for the safety of the regiment, and has demonstrated that the camps are unsanitary. On the next steamer I shall send my order for the recall of the regiment."

General Merriam said that no regiment for the present would be assigned to replace the New York boys. The reason of the recall is entirely a sanitary one. The New York soldiers will be sent home just as soon as they arrive.

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RATTLING FOOTBALL RESULTS IN A TIE

Olympia and California Battle for Supremacy and Each Side Scores a Touchdown.

California 5, Olympic 5.

A PERFECT Western autumnal day, grand stand and bleachers studded with an enthusiastic throng all color and noise and two football teams that fought for every moment of a hard and severe struggle was what the spectator got for his admission price at the Olympic-California gridiron duel yesterday afternoon at Recreation Park. It was the most interesting game of several years, and the football enthusiast was not backward in recognizing it.

Long before the appointed hour the bleachers were packed with the college men, who came to shout, sing and use their leathern-throated voices in rhyme and without reason. The clubmen had a following also, for the red and white were picked by some as the probable winners. On the side lines were the pride of other days—Billy Kennedy and Johnny Hammersmith. Ed Lewis strayed out of the stand and Dr. Bryant found himself on the field when the Olympics scored their touchdown. Other Olympians of lesser fame vociferated themselves into hoarseness and some few ladies in the grand stand with long streamers of red and white cheered lustily for the club athletes whenever a bit of ground was gained by the winged O.

Altogether it was very much like a pocket edition of a championship game. In fact, it was so regarded by the two teams which furnished all the amusement and whose clashing was the cause of many a husky voice.

All the elements of good and bad football tore up the dust of the Recreation gridiron yesterday, and this it was that made the game full of genuine excitement. Hall, as usual, was the star. In the prettiest and most brilliant run ever seen on this coast he caught the ball on the California thirty-five-yard line and ran through a scattered field, shaking off some of his assailants and giving others a right arm that was a ground-measurer. Sheehy tried at him, and so did Erskine, but their efforts were futile. The first thirty yards he ran alone, and then with interference. Down the field he went as a rider of the wind, to be toppled over only seven yards from the Olympic goal line. More, the freshman fullback, tried to emulate Hall, and nearly succeeded. He ran a good fifty yards at one time, and received a like setback close to the goal line of the enemy. For a diversion, Code attempted a quarterback kick, which McLaine skillfully caught, gaining twenty yards thereby, and Percy Morse broke out of the pack, when it looked as if all were lost for the Olympics, covering twenty yards before he was rubbed in the dirt. Then the fumbles at critical moments and the uncertainty of decisions on the part of the officials all combined to produce what the pigskin devotee calls a great day.

Three several times the blue and gold had the pigskin within reach of touchdown and three times were they balked. The Olympic line that gave way to the college men when the red and white goal was not in serious danger stiffened and became like adamant on their own five yard line. The college men quivered and drew breath for each successive try to find an opening in the Olympic line, but they could not force the ball over. It was fine defensive play on the part of the clubmen. They saved the game again and again by their splendid stands when the smell of the lime on the goal line filled the California nostril. California lacked judgment in the selection of plays at the critical moment in the first half, and the Olympics profited by it.

At the end of the first half neither team had scored. The game had been played in the Olympic territory, and the indications pointed to a California victory. The second half had progressed evenly for both sides, when Morse punted to More, who was ornamenting the California twenty-yard line. Then something happened which brought joy to Pete Smith and curses to Cochran's lips, both of whom were on the side lines. More in his nervousness fumbled the ball and a red-shirted Olympian assimilated it. The Olympics tried to buck the California line, but no gain attended their efforts. Code then signaled for Percy Morse and the latter was there. He got the pigskin and around the right end of California's line he sailed to the two-yard line. Every muscle set and every nerve on tension, the Olympics lined up for the crucial test. Wilson was sent against the blue and gold phalanx. The pressure was too great. It gave way and the first touchdown of the game was scored amid the wildest yells and applause from the Olympians on the stands.

California looked anything but happy, but there was still time enough for even a cataclysmic surprise. After several interchanges of punts that kept the crowd guessing, the ball alighted in Hall's arms on the California forty-yard line. Hall separated himself from the spot on which he was standing about thirty-five yards, when his fleeting career was arrested. The California team lined up in one, two, three fashion. Hall ran around the Olympic left again for fifteen yards. Then Thane was given a try and he made ten yards, the ball now being distant from the Olympic goal line but seven yards. It was now or nevermore for the collegians, so they worked one of their trick plays that Cochran has taught them. The Olympic eleven took the bait, massed their defense on tackle and end, and Hall shot over the line for a touchdown. Smith failed to kick a goal and the score read 5—5, with no changes to the end.

California, with a comparatively light line, played an offensive and defensive game against the heavier Olympians that was no less than surprising. Again and again the Olympic athletes banged away at the blue and gold line and they rarely made the distance without the full number of tries, and more often they were forced to kick. California's playing, omitting the fumbles, was generally good, both on offense and defense. The Olympics played hard ball and they all worked as they had not done before. Code surprised all yesterday by his very costly fumbles. Four times he dropped the ball when attempting to catch punts, the enemy securing it. Sheehy, who was the keystone of the Olympic team in former games, was not the giant in yesterday's match. California's line was far stronger than anything he has met this year, but he nevertheless played very good ball.

The officials were: William Erb, referee; Charles Fickert, umpire; Code and Sherman, linesmen.

The teams lined up as follows:

Olympics.	Position.	California.
Hamilton	R. E. L.	Craig
Sheehy	R. T. L.	Whipple
Sexton	R. G. L.	Greisberg
Bandy	Center	Cornish
Hobbs	L. G. R.	Athern
Erskine	L. T. R.	Bingle
McLaine	L. E R.	Womble
Code	Quarter	Kerfoot, Thane or Hopper
Morse	R. H. L.	Hall
Wilson	L. H. R.	Thane or Smith
Atkinson	Full	Smith or More

ATTEMPTED TO MURDER HER LOVER

Clara Winkleman's Rash Act.

When Seized by Two Policemen She Vigorously Resists Their Efforts to Disarm Her.

Thinking he intended to desert her, and determined that he should not live with another woman, Mrs. Clara Winkleman, a prepossessing brunette, yesterday afternoon attempted to murder Fred Husted, her lover. That she did not succeed was due to Husted's alacrity in getting out of the way.

For some time past Husted and Mrs. Winkleman have been living together in a lodging house at 131 Taylor street. Evidently tiring of her Husted yesterday told her he intended to leave the city and would not return. The woman declared she would kill him if he left her.

Thinking she was only "fooling," as he expressed it, Husted proceeded to pack his trunk, preparatory to taking farewell of his mistress. Soon after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon he left his room, and when he returned he caught sight of Mrs. Winkleman standing against the railing of the stairway.

"So you are going to leave me," she nervously inquired. "I think you had better stay here, don't you?"

Before Husted could reply the infuriated woman drew a revolver and fired. Husted was standing below her and as she pointed the pistol at him, he jumped backward and rolled down the stairs.

Policeman McLean was standing a short distance away when the shot was fired, and rushing into the house he saw Mrs. Winkleman standing at the head of the stairs with the smoking revolver in her hand. The officer attempted to disarm her but she vigorously resisted his efforts.

At this juncture Detective Tom Gibson appeared on the scene, and assisted by McLean, he took the revolver from the woman. While they were struggling to get possession of the weapon the woman begged for another chance to kill Husted.

The woman was at once removed to the City Prison, where she was charged with an assault to commit murder. She refused to make a statement, except to say that Husted had ill-treated her and that she determined to kill him. Her intended victim refused to assign any reason for the woman's attempt to murder him, but intimated that jealousy prompted her.

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SAYS HE DID NOT APPROVE OF THE LIBEL

Hearst in the Claus Spreckels Case.

DECLARES HIS INNOCENCE

MANAGING EDITOR LAWRENCE WOULD NOT RETRACT.

Grove L. Johnson Wanted to Show That Lawrence in the Conduct of the Examiner Was Incompetent and Unskillful.

The preliminary examination of W. R. Hearst, proprietor of the Examiner, charged with libel by Claus Spreckels, was held before Judge Mogan yesterday morning. The defendant was represented by Garret McEnerney, and Grove L. Johnson assisted Prosecuting Attorney Spinetti.

The prosecution put in evidence a copy of the Examiner of June 7, 1897, containing the libel complained of, and on the admission of the defendant that he was the proprietor of the paper, rested.

The defendant took the stand and testified that on June 7, 1897, he was in New York and had not been here since, until within the past month. A. M. Lawrence was the managing editor of the paper in June, 1897, and since that time. Defendant did not order the publication of the item complained of and first heard of its publication when he received information that a suit for damages had been brought against him by Mr. Spreckels for $1,000,000.

Cross-examined by Attorney Johnson, defendant said that Lawrence had entire control of the paper as far as a managing editor could during the absence of the proprietor. Defendant reserved to himself the policy of the paper on national issues only. He had given Lawrence no instruction as to a policy regarding the Spreckels family. Lawrence made reports to him from time to time.

When his attention was brought to the item he disapproved of it. He had a talk over the wire with Lawrence about it. He did not know if he asked Lawrence to make a retraction and could only refresh his recollection by asking Lawrence. He did not send Lawrence a retraction. He paid but little attention to the matter. He considered Lawrence was a skillful and competent man for the position of managing editor.

"Do you remember Lawrence having a collision with the State Senate?" asked Johnson.

McEnerney objected to the question.

"I want to show," said Johnson, "that Lawrence is incompetent and unskillful, that he was in collision with the State Senate, that he has abused and vilified nearly everybody in the community, and by his conduct has brought a crop of libel suits upon Mr. Hearst."

The Judge sustained the objection and the defendant stated that he had still faith in Lawrence. Continuing, he said that he received reports from Lawrence about once a month. He did not think he gave Lawrence written instructions as to his policy with regard to the paper or his duties. He also received reports as to the financial condition of the paper. He claimed to be a resident of this State and was merely absent in New York on business.

A. M. Lawrence testified that he became managing editor of the Examiner in June, 1896. He first knew of the article complained of when the papers in the $1,000,000 suit were filed. He notified Mr. Hearst when the papers were served.

Cross-examined, he said he communicated with Mr. Hearst by wire and Hearst wired that he disapproved of quarrels with people with whom they had no quarrels. He consulted McEnerney, and it was decided that the item was of such a character that it was difficult to know just what to do as to making a retraction. Hearst did not instruct him to make a retraction. He would only consult Hearst in extraordinary affairs.

"Did you consult McEnerney as to a retraction?"

"Yes."

"Was it not the other way—McEnerney called upon you and advised you to make a retraction?"

"No."

In answer to McEnerney Lawrence said that if he had seen the item before it was published he would not have published it. There was no occasion for Hearst giving him instructions on such matters.

In answer to Johnson Lawrence said that a retraction was never asked, which was usual.

"Would it not have been an easy thing to publish a short editorial expressing regret for the publication of the article?"

Lawrence answered that it had never been asked, and besides he felt that nothing would suit either Johnson or Spreckels. That was the conclusion of himself and his attorneys.

"You would rather fight than retract. Was not that it?"

"I left it with my attorneys."

Witness was pressed on this point, but nothing definite could be got out of him.

It was then decided to postpone argument on the case till next Friday afternoon.

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